



# 52nd Fighter Wing

## BIOGRAPHY

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### COLONEL DAVID L. GOLDFEIN

Col. David L. Goldfein is commander, 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. The 52 Fighter Wing maintains, deploys and employs F-16CJ and A/OA-10 aircraft, and TPS-75 radar systems in support of NATO and the National Command Authorities. The wing supports the Supreme Allied Commander Europe with mission-ready personnel and systems providing expeditionary air power for suppression of enemy air defenses, close air support, air interdiction, counterair, air strike control, strategic attack, combat search and rescue, and theater airspace control. The wing also supports contingencies and operations other than war as required.



Col. Goldfein received his commission in June 1983 upon graduating from the United States Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Philosophy. He held several positions in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe theatre to include 16th Air Force, Naples, Italy, Ramstein Air Base, Germany and Aviano Air Base, Italy. Before arriving at Spangdahlem Air Base, he was the commander of the 366th Operations Group at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

#### EDUCATION:

1983 Bachelor of Science Degree in Philosophy, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.  
1986 Squadron Officer School (correspondence)  
1987 Master's Degree in Business Administration, Oklahoma City University, Okla.  
1992 Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.  
1995 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.  
1998 Air War College (correspondence)  
2001 National Defense Fellowship, State Department Senior Seminar, Arlington, Va.

#### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. October 1983 – October 1984, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
2. October 1984 – February 1988, T-38 instructor pilot, 90th Flying Training Squadron, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
3. February 1988 – January 1992, F-16 instructor pilot and flight commander, 17th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

4. January 1992 - June 1992, student, USAF Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
5. June 1992 – July 1994, squadron weapons officer and chief, Wing Weapons and Tactics, 366th Composite Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
6. July 1994 – June 1995, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
7. June 1995 – May 1996, special assistant to the commander, COMAIRSOUTH/16AF, Naples, Italy
8. May 1996 – August 1997, executive officer to the commander, USAFE, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
9. August 1997 – June 1998, operations officer, 555th Fighter Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy
10. June 1998 – July 2000, commander, 555th Fighter Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy
11. July 2000 – June 2001, student, National Defense Fellow, State Department Senior Seminar, Arlington, Va.
12. July 2001 – July 2002, deputy division chief, Combat Forces, HQ USAF Pentagon, Washington D.C.
13. August 2002 – July 2004, commander, 366th Operations Group, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho
14. July 2004 – present, commander, 52nd Fighter Wing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

#### **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 3,700

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, F-16C/D

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

#### **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

Authored *Sharing Success, Owning Failure*, a book on command, selected for distribution USAF-wide as squadron commander school core reading

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	June 1983
First Lieutenant	June 1985
Captain	June 1987
Major	November 1994
Lieutenant Colonel	January 1998
Colonel	April 2001

(Current as of July 2004)